

Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Tom Danley who recently retired after a 42-year career with the Anaheim Union High School District.

During that time, Coach Danley bettered the lives of thousands of students who knew him simply as ``Coach," and earned scores of honors for his service to students and the community.

He coached varsity basketball at Katella High School for 33 years--and his teams went to the California Interscholastic Federation playoffs in 31 of those 33 years.

Coach Danley was named ``Winningest Basketball Coach in Orange County," and was honored for his lifetime coaching achievements by being inducted in the Southern California Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and the CIF Hall of Fame.

After his coaching career concluded, Coach Danley went on to establish a non-profit foundation that promotes after-school sports and activities for local youth.

Thousands of young people have benefited, and will continue to benefit, from the foundation's work, and from Coach Danley's philosophy that ``Kids Come First."

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Coach Danley.